

ONLY PIGS

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"QUEAL, squeal, squeal!" said Pinky Pig.

"Grunt, grunt, grunt," said Porky Pig.

"It's the best thing I ever heard of," said Brother Bacon.

"It most certainly is," said Sammy Sausage.

"I've never heard of anything so nice," said Master Pinky Pig.

And his mother added,

"It's fine, squeal, squeal, it's fine."

"I agree," said Miss Ham. And she

grunted five times, one grunt after the

other, to show that she agreed.

"What are you all talking about?"

asked Red Top, the rooster.

"You don't know?" asked all the

pigs.

"Oh yes, I know," said Red Top,

crowing proudly.

"Then why did you ask?" inquired

Brother Bacon.

"You haven't much sense," said Red

Top. "Of course I don't know, or I

wouldn't have asked."

"Well did I ever," grunted Miss

Ham. "You said one moment ago that

you did know and now you say you

don't know. Which do you mean? Do

you know what we were talking about

or don't you?"

"Yes," said Sammy Sausage, "that is

what we would like to know."

"Well," said Red Top, "I don't know,

and if I had I wouldn't have asked

you. When I said I knew I thought

you all had sense enough to know that

I was joking. It

seems that none

of you can take a

joke."

"Take a joke,"

repeated Brother

Bacon. "You say

that none of us

can take a joke.

Well, why should

we? A joke isn't

anything to eat.

What would we

be doing with a

joke I'd like to

know?"

"Yes," said

Porky Pig, "we'd

all like to know

what we would

do with a joke."

And all the pigs

squealed.

"We'd like to know

what we could

do if we took a

joke. It's nothing

to eat so why should

we take it?"

Red Top the rooster

clucked and

crowed and

grinned.

"This is the best

joke,"

"What do we care

about it being

the best joke?"

asked Brother Bacon.

"We've already

told you we didn't

care about a joke

because it was

nothing to eat.

We don't care whether

it is a best one or not. Now if

you were talking about a best dish of food

STOWE

J. E. Russ is confined to his bed with varicose veins.

The date of the young people's ball is the 29th, instead of the 30th as stated.

Miss Elizabeth Fuller, who is a teacher in Chelsea, is at home for the Christmas vacation.

A. P. Bigelow of Middlesex was called here by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Louise Bigelow, on Thursday.

Mrs. Fay McCuen, an attendant at the Vermont State hospital at Waterbury, is at home for the Christmas vacation.

L. H. Straw, who is recovering from an operation for appendicitis at the Mary Fletcher hospital, has returned home.

Mrs. Mildred Russ and pupils of the West Branch school had an entertainment at the West Branch church Friday evening.

Miss Grace Russ, whose illness failed to yield to treatment, was taken to the Fanny Allen hospital for an X-ray examination.

Contributions for the gifts for the shut-ins may be left with Miss Sargent, Mrs. Edwina Harris, Mrs. Hattie Douglass or Mrs. Ida Culver.

The school at Stowe Pines closed Friday for the Christmas vacation and the teacher, Miss Rowena Hicks, has gone to her home in Essex.

Mail Carrier, H. H. Downer, on route two has been in quarantine 10 days with a case of chickenpox. George White was Mr. Downer's substitute.

The Misses Beatrice Pike and Beatrice Kaiser went last Wednesday to Burlington where they were guests at a ball of Douglas and Dorothy Barrows of the U. V. M.

An Episcopal Christmas service was held at the banquet hall Sunday evening, the hour of service being 6:30 in order not to conflict with the Clara Barton memorial service.

Mrs. Ambrose McMannis, who has had several weeks' treatment at the Fanny Allen hospital, has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyce, on West Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shepard were called to Waterbury Tuesday of last week by the serious illness of Mrs. Shepard's sister, Mrs. Charles Hamel. Mrs. Shepard remained to care for her sister.

The Community Church and the H. H. Smith Women's Relief Corps co-operated in a service in honor of the 100th birthday anniversary of Clara Barton at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the church. There was special music and a program.

The West Branch Community club met with Mrs. Ralph Stevens last Wednesday afternoon with 16 present. Tea was served in honor of Mrs. R. H. Gale and Mrs. A. J. Houston, who are leaving town soon. The meeting on January 5 will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. E. C. Magoun.

F. H. Wright, who returned Wednesday last from Boston, brought home his little son, Emmett, who has had an operation on one leg and treatment for three months for effects of infantile paralysis. It is thought that the child's condition is much improved, but he will not be allowed to walk at present.

Mrs. R. H. Gale and daughter, Grace, left Friday for Cleveland, where they will pass the holidays with and elder daughter and sister, Miss Virginia, at the home of Mrs. Gale's brother, Francis Double, after which they will go to Florida to pass the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Deuble.

Mrs. Louise Bigelow Dies

Mrs. Sarah Louise (Barrows) Bigelow died about six o'clock Thursday morning at her home with her daughter on Maple street, after a few days' illness with pneumonia. She had been in frail health from a general breaking down since August last. Her last illness was of six days' duration.

Mrs. Bigelow was the widow of Eliakim Bigelow, for many years a well-known resident of Stowe. She was the daughter of Captain Iben and Sarah Russell Barrows and was born in Stowe Sept. 25, 1841. She passed a part of her early life in Morristown, but has lived in Stowe since her marriage to Mr. Bigelow in 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow celebrated their golden wedding at their home in West Branch April, 1915. Mr. Bigelow died in November, 1915. Of the several children born to Mrs. Bigelow, a daughter, Sarah R., died in 1888, a son, Dr. Edwin P. Bigelow, of Wolcott died in 1905, and two children died in infancy. Two daughters, Misses Annie L., and Susan A. Bigelow survive. She also leaves two step-daughters, Miss Mary J. Bigelow of Salem, Mass., and Miss Addie A. Bigelow of Franklin, N. H., who have known no other mother. Of a retiring nature, Mrs. Bigelow's active life was devoted to her family. Her cheerful disposition and sterling character made her many friends. She was a supporter and member of the West Branch Meeting House society and was for many years a member of Mansfield Mountain Grange. She came with her daughters to the village to live in 1916.

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JOHNSON

Hazen Tracy passed Christmas in Montgomery.

Miss Clara Hill is home from Boston for the holidays.

Miss Marion Barrows of the U. V. M. is at home for the holidays.

Professor and Mrs. Mayo were in Burlington Monday of last week.

Mrs. Abbie Davis has had a telephone installed. 16-R is the number.

The Girls Athletic Association gave a dance Friday evening, Dec. 23.

Wilbur Barrows is home from Middlebury College for the Christmas recess.

Wayland Mills is home from Bryant-Stratton Business College for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis and Mrs. P. J. Titus were in Hyde Park Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mills and little daughter, Isabelle, were in St. Johnsbury the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coan are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Howard Simon, born December 20.

Mrs. Will Driscoll and two children were in Cambridge the first of the week to visit Mrs. Driscoll's mother, Mrs. Leach.

Mrs. Taylor Mead, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Wilson, has returned to her home in Windsor.

Mrs. S. J. Davis and daughter, Mattie, went to Williston last Wednesday night; called there by the illness of Mrs. Ned Smith.

Guests at H. O. Stiles' for Christmas were Miss Clara Stiles and Frank Stiles from Burlington and Albert Stiles from Waitsfield.

Hazen Tracy, who has passed several weeks in Holyoke, Westfield and Springfield, Mass., has returned to his sister's, Mrs. D. B. Smalley.

Chesley Sargent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Sargent, was painfully injured while coasting last week Tuesday, resulting in a broken nose and a gash in his face, which required several stitches.

While Mrs. C. P. Stewart was driving to the village last week Tuesday afternoon, her horse became frightened and ran away. Mrs. Stewart was thrown out of the sleigh, injuring her about the head and stomach.

Johnson Grange Notes

The special meeting of the Grange was largely attended Thursday. A Christmas program given by the children was much enjoyed; also the Christmas carols by the choir. There were twenty-five children present. The hall was prettily decorated with red and green crepe paper, Christmas bells and small trees and a large tree laden with gifts, which were distributed at the close of the program.

The next regular meeting will be Jan. 5, 1922, and will be held in the daytime, when the newly elected officers will be installed.

Tennis Is Ancient Game.

Tennis dates back to the halcyon days of Rome and Athens, but it was in the fourteenth century in France that rules were made for it. It was then known as "La Bourde" and played mainly by the wealthy and the noble.

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The KITCHEN CABINET

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Hazy dawn above dim mountains, slackened rivers in the plain; Dusty yarrow by the roadside, purple asters, clematis; Windless slopes of upland pasture, dry as rock beneath the kiss Of the fervid sun incarnate in the harvest golden grain.

—K. S. Oaks.

THE FAMILY MEAL.

A tasty dish which may be easily prepared with a pound or two of yellow string beans is prepared as follows: Wash

and cut the beans in small pieces on the bias, as they cook quicker thus cut. If the beans are tough, any of them, remove the pod and add the beans to the dish. Wash and place in a deep kettle with a tablespoonful of bacon fat to a quart of sliced beans. Stir and cook until well covered with the fat, cover and simmer for an hour, stirring often and adding from time to time one-half cupful of hot water. When the beans are to be served season well with salt and pepper. A dash of vinegar may be added by those who like it.

Braised Leg of Lamb.—Bone a leg of lamb, wipe with a damp cloth, stuff and truss, place in a braising pan. Cook five minutes in one-fourth of a cupful of butter, a large slice each of onion, carrot and turnip, all cut fine, a small bay leaf, one sprig of thyme and parsley. Add three cupfuls of hot water or stock, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one-half teaspoonful of peppercorns. Pour this mixture over the lamb, cover closely and cook slowly two and one-half hours; uncover the last half hour. Remove from the pan to a hot platter. Brown three tablespoonfuls of butter, add four tablespoonfuls of flour and stir well until browned, then add the liquor from the braising pan, carefully strained. It will require one and three-fourths cupfuls.

Squash Purcuspine.—Steam a fine Hubbard squash in the shell. When soft scrape out with a spoon, put into a hot oven and mash. Season with salt, sugar, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of ginger and two tablespoonfuls of butter. Beat and reserve one cupful. Put into a glass baking dish, cover with the cupful put through a ricer and brown. Cream may be added if needed for moisture.

Lines to be Remembered. Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army. If we retrench the wages of the schoolmaster, we must raise those of the drill sergeant.—Edward Everett.

Nellie Maxwell

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M'ADOO FIRST CLASS SCOUT

Scout lore as practiced at the 18 camps of Kanawhake lake in the interstate Palisades park, was the subject of an earnest study made one day in August by Hon. William G. McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo and a distinguished company of guests who visited the camp at the invitation of Franklin D. Roosevelt, chairman of the Greater New York Scout council. Other members of the council who extended the invitation were James G. Blaine, Jr., William S. Kies, Samuel M. Greer and Barron Collier.

Almost the only scout feat that Mr. McAdoo failed to test was being rescued from drowning and resuscitated. That he was content to watch. All the rest that was going on he entered into. He watched a baseball for the benefit of Brooklyn scouts, not to mention the movie men who busily clicked their cameras. He was found up by a scout skilled in administering first

art of tying various knots, and finally he was the recipient of a walking stick made from hop hornbeam taken from the branch of a tree off the lake and carved by J. A. Brunner, chairman of the camp committee of Central Union council of New Jersey. The cane was carved with the emblem of a first class scout surrounded by an American eagle, and was presented to Mr. McAdoo on behalf of all the camps at Kanawhake lake. In accepting the gift Mr. McAdoo remarked that he hoped it did not imply that he had reached such advanced years that he was compelled to lean upon a staff. He wanted the boys to understand, he said, that he never intended to grow as old as that, but if he did that would be the staff upon which he would choose to lean.

The visit constituted a full dress inspection of the Lake Kanawhake camps, at which there are for nine weeks in the summer as many as 2,300 boys. There could be twice as many, Mr. McAdoo was informed by Barron Collier, who did the honors of the camp, if the services of the organization permitted. The boys camp for not less than two weeks and in the course of the summer the total attendance of the camp is in excess of 18,000. The visiting party was invited by Franklin D. Roosevelt and other members of the Greater New York scout council on account of the deep interest which is being shown by numerous prominent business men of New York in the scout organization.

SCOUTS REPAIR CITY SIDEWALKS

There is only one scout troop in Lind, Wash., but that one is up and doing as is proved by a recent example of thrift and enterprise. It seems the scouts noticed that the wooden sidewalks of the city were badly in need of repair. Consequently they marched up to the mayor and offered to do the job at a nominal figure. The mayor liked the idea. He also liked the spirit of the boys and took up the offer arranging that the work should be done.

MUCH GOOD IN BRISK WALK

Why Pedestrianism Should Not Be Allowed to Become a "Lost Art" is Apparent.

The spectacle of a man walking to work in London is classed almost a phenomenon by the London Chronicle, which declares with the underground, the tramcars, the motor-omnibuses, and the suburban trains, Londoners have almost been deprived of the use of their legs as long distance instruments of movement.

One man was found by the paper, however, who thinks it is time for a revolt against the neglect of the human leg as a means of locomotion, and advocated the formation of "walking clubs" to revive the lost art of pedestrianism.

"He argues that walking is a natural human habit, not a penal device," says the paper, "that it promotes the circulation of the blood, and therefore prevents cold feet and chilblains; that it aids digestion, and thus tends to make the human being less bad tempered; that it prevents the increase of adipose tissue, and so enables a man to wear his suit longer. Instead of having to put it aside because the buttons no longer reach the buttonholes; and that it saves money in fares, although there may be a slight increase in the bill for shoe repairs."

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McAdoo Receiving First Aid for Injury in Boy Scout Camp.

aid to the wounded. He and Mrs. McAdoo received instruction in the



this time folks and creatures began making good resolutions. And we've made ours. We think they're fine and we hope to live up to them.

"That's good," said Red Top. "But what are your resolutions?" he asked after a moment.

"To get all we can to eat, each of us," said Miss Ham. "and never to think or worry about anyone but ourselves."

"Well, I never," said Red Top. "You don't know much about the real meaning of good resolutions, but what should I expect? After all you are only pigs."

"Pigs with good resolutions," repeated Miss Ham.

Old Oileth.

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